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Dear Wayne,

Crazy as it is, it will get still mxr crazier.

I knew it was coming so I stayed out of it.

But it is so hard not to see the outlines of the ghosts of those "sinister forces" of General Haig's!

Bob appears to be chief stomper-on-the-corpse. I was sent a copy of the Press-Scimitar of the 12th. Insane as it is unprofessional. I won't suggest it but what a bare ass he bends to Jimmy's boot.

Some days earlier he xxxxx rushed into print with a loud plea of Jimmy's guilt-just when Jimmy has finally fired him and announced an appeal. Theee was a long AP story parts of which were read to me.

I've written him and told him I don't want to see another word of his self-promotions else I'll be tempted.

As I'm sure you have to have perceived, at his best Bob was non-existent. In many ways he was a great liability. I can't believe he is that incompetent. But I'm not letting my imagination run. However, you should also realize that if he were any kind of criminal lawyer the work I had to do there would have been done by him and long before I first set foot in Memphis. So, why didn't he do it? Why didn't he get the missing transcripts (they are important)or push his cronies when they were in contempt?

If he rushes into print again I'd sure appreciate a clipping.

What I'm really writing about is another matter. Jimmy disagreed with your Pacific News story. He now says this has been worked out without details. Can you cue us in on what did happen and how it was resolved? Jimmy insists he did not tell you some of what you then wrote. (I asked him why he'd said it.)

In this latest move there was some kind of change. I've avoided writing Jimmy for months and he did not tell me anything on his own. But from other sources than his letter to the sixth circuit, in which it also is I know he is supposed to have had Nashville civil counsel and was to have g filed his civil action there, not Memphis. When Richard Ryan handled Jimmy's pro se papers for him and when there was an earlier C-A story saying Ryan xxxx was to have been co-counsel or something like that, I'd be surprised it he could not fill in some gaps.

My concern, actually, is about whether Jimmy is really rational. It is not whether or not he has a case. I believe he does. Of course I also found myself wondering what kind of lawyer would come into this kind of case at this juncture and stay out of contact with counsel who had done so much work.

If you can fillx in any of the gap's I'd like to know.

How goes the DWI specialty? It had been 20 straight whe I was there. Incredible!

My best to Kay, please. Hope the new management isn't making her life miserable.

Reminds me: how about those thesis you were going to get for me, on the strike and by the cop?Hope you can.

I think Jim and I have turned the feds around in my suit for the spectro and NAA.

Thanks and best regards,